

HB 1649 - DIGEST

Finds that condemnation of property for essential public facilities concerns the public health, safety, and welfare in the jurisdiction in which the proposed facility is to be located.

Provides that, when the state grants local governments and special districts the power of eminent domain outside their jurisdictional boundaries, therefore, the state must also assure that exercise of this power includes meaningful measures to consider and protect the public health, safety, and welfare in the jurisdiction in which the property that is proposed to be condemned for an essential public facility is located.

Provides that a metropolitan municipal corporation shall not condemn lands for an essential public facility, provided for in RCW 36.70A.200, at a location outside its component county boundaries without first completing the city or county siting process for an essential public facility where the proposed facility is to be located, consistent with RCW 36.70A.200.